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Re: Application of:

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**POLYMER CONJUGATES OF BIOLOGICALLY
ACTIVE AGENTS AND EXTENSION MOIETIES
FOR FACILITATING CONJUGATION OF
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE AGENTS TO
POLYMERIC TERMINAL GROUPS**

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Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 - 1.99, Applicants herewith submit forms PTO-1449, which lists references of which Applicants are aware.

Copies of the references cited in the PTO-1449 forms are included herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on June 26, 2001.

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Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against

any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.


Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application and before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b). It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Forms be considered and made of record.

No fee is believed to be due. Any deficiency or overpayment concerning this document should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0217.

Respectfully submitted,

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